

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A housing (4), in particular a housing (4) intended to contain electronic components or the like, comprising a support (1) having a bore (12) for receiving a fixing screw (6), characterized in that it additionally comprises, facing the bore (12) for receiving the screw (6), a receptacle (14) extending inside the housing.

2. (original) The housing as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the receptacle (14) extends from the support (1) having the bore (12) and, with the exception of the region in which the bore (12) is situated, forms a closed space with this support (1).

3. (currently amended) The housing as claimed in claim 1 ~~either of claims 1 and 2~~, characterized in that the receptacle (14) is obtained by stamping.

4. (currently amended) The housing as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the receptacle (14) has a generally tubular shape of circular cross section which is closed at its end opposed to the bore (12).

5. (currently amended) The housing as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that the support (1) having the bore (12) takes the form of a lug (10) folded over with respect to a wall (8) of the housing.

6. (original) The housing as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the receptacle (14) is borne by a tab (18) folded over onto the lug (10).

7. (original) A cut and stamped sheet-metal blank, characterized in that it has:

- a substantially rectangular lug (10) attached by a first side, substantially over its entire length, to the remainder of the sheet-metal blank,
- a bore (12) made in the lug (10),
- a tab (18) connected to the lug (10) by a side in the vicinity of the first side, and
- a receptacle (14) obtained by a stamping operation performed on the tab (18).

8. (original) The sheet-metal blank as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that it has a substantially rectangular cutout (22) produced between the tab (18) and the lug (10) so as to form a hinge (20).

9. (currently amended) A process for producing a housing 4, in which a sheet-metal blank is cut and then folded, characterized in that it comprises the steps which follow:

- production of a sheet-metal blank as claimed in ~~either of claims 7 and 8~~ claim 7,
 - folding the tab (18) flat onto the lug (10), and
 - folding the lug (10) at a right angle with respect to the sheet-metal blank,
- it being possible for the last two steps to be carried out in whatever order.

10. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the receptacle (14) is obtained by stamping.

11. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the receptacle (14) has a generally tubular shape of circular cross section which is closed at its end opposed to the bore (12).

12. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the receptacle (14) has a generally tubular shape of circular cross section which is closed at its end opposed to the bore (12).

13. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the support (1) having the bore (12) takes the form of a lug (10) folded over with respect to a wall (8) of the housing.

14. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the support (1) having the bore (12) takes the form of a lug (10) folded over with respect to a wall (8) of the housing.

15. (new) The housing as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the support (1) having the bore (12) takes the form of a lug (10) folded over with respect to a wall (8) of the housing.

16. (new) A process for producing a housing 4, in which a sheet-metal blank is cut and then folded, characterized in that it comprises the steps which follow:

- production of a sheet-metal blank as claimed in claim 8,
- folding the tab (18) flat onto the lug (10), and
- folding the lug (10) at a right angle with respect to the sheet-metal blank,

it being possible for the last two steps to be carried out in whatever order.